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Further Information of Canada's New Stamp Issues.

It is the intention of the Government to issue a set of Jubilee postage stamps and such stamps will be put into public use by being delivered to postmasters throughout Canada for sale in the same manner as ordinary postage stamps are sold. There will be a limit to quantity to be issued. Following are denominations and quantities :

150,000 ½c, 8,000,000 1c, 2,500,000 2c, 20,000,000 3c, 750,000 5c, 75,000 6c, 200,000 8c, 150,000 10c, 100.000 15c, 100,000 20c, 100,000 50c, and 25,000 each of the one, two, three, four and five dollar values, and 7,000,000 1c cards.

Collectors wishing to possess one of each stamp, will find they will have to pay $16.21½c. Last week we illustrated the new design.

As soon as the whole number of the stamps mentioned in the foregoing schedule are printed, the plates from

which they have been printed will be destroyed in the presence of two of the head officers of the department.

On the 10th of June the department will proceed to supply the stamps to the principal postoffices of Canada, and through them the minor postoffices will obtain supplies until the issue becomes exhausted. Supposing this issue were to entirely displace those now used, it would supply the country's wants for about two months, but as the stamps now in use will proceed concurrently, it is expected that the Jubilee issue will last about three months.

It is important to note that supplies of these stamps will not be sold direct to the public or individuals by the department, as the Postmaster-General will strictly adhere to the policy of only supplying post offices, from whom the stamps may be bought on the 19th of June. The stamps are now being printed in Ottawa, colors as now used.

Postal History.

According to the most authentic information obtainable, the first postal service was invented by Cyrus, King of Persia, on his Scythian expedition, he establishing one hundred and eleven posts from the shore of the Ægean Sea to Susa, the capital—each a day's journey from the preceding.

Though generally conceded by historians that posts were well-known among the Romans, it has been too difficult to trace with any degree of certainity the exact period of their introduction. It is a well-known fact, however, that Augustus instituted them along all the large roads of the empire and hired young men to deliver his dispatches from post to post until place of destination was reached.

Shortly afterward the same emperor changed this method of delivery to that of sending all his messages and despatches by charioteers, in regular chariots, with relays of horses at each post. This was kept up by his successors for a number of years, although slight information can be obtained of them up to about the year 807 A.D, when Emperor Charlmagne established three public posts—one each in Italy, Germany and Spain—in order to facilitate his communication with those countries, which he had placed in a state of subjection. With his death these were soon dropped, and no trace of them can be discovered up to about 1470, when Louis XI, King of France, owing to his suspicious and restless nature, and also for a quick and certain knowledge of what was transpiring within his kingdom, established them throughout France.

From France, his method spread to other portions of Europe, Count Taxis settling them at his own expense in Germany, for which Emperor Matthias gave the position of postmaster to him and his descendents.

In England the earliest accounts show that Edward III set up some posts, but nothing definite was ever ascertained concerning them. In 1548, during the reign of Edward VI, Parliament made the rate of post-horses 1d a mile.

England's first chief postmaster was Thomas Randolph, who was appointed by Queen Elizabeth in 1581. James I appointed Matthew De L'Equester as postmaster for the control of correspondence to and from foreign places. This office was afterward claimed by Lord Stanhope, but Charles I continued it to William Frizel and Thomas Witherings in 1632.

In 1656 a new and general postoffice was established by the authority of the Parliament, and almost upon the same model as that now in use.

Ralph Allen, about 1720, established a series of cross-posts, which were found to be of great convenience to the public and government, and in 1782 a plan was suggested by John Palmer, by which the mails were to be carried in stage coaches under guard. The plan met with a great deal of opposition at the start, but gradually overcame it, when it came into very general use.

The penny post was first started in London by Robert Murray, in 1681. This causing a confliction with the government, it was brought before the King's Bench Bar, and there adjudged to belong to the Duke of York, as a branch of the general service, and was annexed to the Crown in 1790. This was made a 2d post in 1794.

Mails were first carried on railroad trains in 1830 by the overland route to India, which method was found to be a cheaper way of transportation.

In 1837 Sir Rowland Hill offered his plan of penny postage, and in 1839 this was adopted after investigation.

In 1839 the 4d uniform rate per letter came into operation as an experiment. In January, 1840, the uniform rate of 1d per half ounce each letter was adopted.

In May, of the same year, the widely celebrated stamped envelopes, designed by Mr. W. Mulready, first came out.

From this time on the postal service made rapid strides towards perfection. The above facts, in a brief way, show the advancement made in what to-day is the greatest factor in the world—the post.

J. B. SIMPSON.

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ONE of our advertisers—Matthew R. Knight—just sent in a contract for four inches of space to run for one year. Mr. Knight knows a good thing, and is also prompt to take action.

WE have been informed that "Stamp Lore," of London, Ont., has ceased publication owing to Mr. Pritchard's time being otherwise taken up. Last number issued is dated January.

THIS issue we are mailing three thousand copies, and it is our intention to mail larger editions during the summer months, as we believe business in the stamp world will be very great compared with former seasons, when many shut up shop. The time is fast approaching when the dealer who drops his business and advertising for any season will "not be in it."

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STAMP collectors find many bargains in the stamp papers that reach them. In this issue will be found among the ads. stamps that everybody wants, and prices to suit all pockets. Wm. R. Adams has many good things in his ad, and any collector wanting anything will have careful and prompt attention.

ANOTHER catalogue of Canadian Revenues has appeared, published by W. Kelsey Hall, Peterboro, Ont. It is well worth the price asked—15 cents—were it only used to compare the prices as asked by the various dealers who have issued similar catalogues.

Copied Manuscript.

IT should be unnecessary to make a plea of the following kind, but the state of too many of our philatelic journals at present makes it necessary.

Why should we have so much copied MSS. at present in our philatelic papers? Are there not many advanced collectors who could impart much stamp knowledge and keep many dissatisfied collectors from leaving the ranks? Assuredly so, but some publishers do not encourage the writers, and think they are throwing money away when they purchase MSS., and what space they cannot themselves fill up, they fill with copied matter.

There are many journals that could be made much more successful if publishers would only make it a rule to spend so much each month for good copy?

Some editors only re-print an article when it is one of merit and they wish to call special attention to it. These cannot be criticized, but when the main object of copying is to fill space, then the publisher should either stop his paper or get some original matter.

These are the days of philatelic literature collectors, who subscribe for all the journals and expects to find something original in all of them.

WM. EHRICH.

Catalogue of Canada Stamps.

NEW BRUNSWICK PROBATE.

This Province has a set of 6 stamps, which are used for the payment of Probate duty, and were first issued in 1895.

In design, the stamp varies greatly from the artistic law issues. It is a dagger turned upwards, above which are the scales of Justice, both within a circle. "New Brunswick" appears at the top, while word "Probate" appears below.

10 cents yellow.
20 " red.
50 " brown.
$2 blue.
$5 green.
$20 purple.

P.E.I. Curiosities.

This Province takes the honor of having some of the most curious specimens of the printers' or lithographers' art. The printing of some of the denominations has been so carelessly done, that collectors just beginning will not put them in their albums, thinking them to be counterfeits (of which there are a number) which has induced me in a very short article to give a few pointers.

The stamps most unacceptable are of the 1870 issue, and comprise the 1d, 2d, 3d and 9d. Being printed 30 on a sheet may account for some of the impressions or again poor rollers and bad ink may have had something to do with it. On some of the 1d will be seen a broken N, in island, two lines apparently running together and two full stops at . Island In the 3d, a colored dot in the centre before P in Pence can be seen. Others have a dot over top bar of the last E in Three. In the 9d a dot in front of Stg. and on others of this value two full stops one over the other, after Stg.

In seeing the above markings on any of these stamps, do not hesitate to add them to your collection as they are all right, since the forger so far has not been able to imitate the missing links.

One of the rares. of the P.E.I. stamps is the 1d, which has an outer line all around it. This seems to be found in a golden brown color.

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	Imperf	Pt Perf	Perf
1c Express, red	$ 40	$ 35	$ 03
1c Playing Card	—	—	90
1c Proprietary, red	—	50	04
2c Bank Check, blue	02	90	01
2c Bank Check, orange	—	—	01
2c Certificate, blue	50	—	80
2c Certificate, orange	—	—	50
2c Express, blue	50	50	03
2c Express, orange	—	—	07
2c Playing Cards, blue	—	—	20
2c Playing Cards, orange	—	—	85
2c Proprietary, blue	—	—	04
2c Proprietary, orange	—	—	1 50
2c U.S. Internal Revenue	—	—	01
3c Foreign Exchange	—	—	03
3c Playing Cards, green	—	—	5 50
3c Proprietary	—	—	05
4c Telegraph, green	—	15	12
4c Inland Exchange	—	—	04
4c Proprietary, violet	—	75	07
5c Agreement, red	—	—	02
5c Certificate, red	15	20	01
5c Express, red	30	15	05
5c Inland Exchange, red	10	10	01
5c Proprietary, red	—	—	75

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UNITED STATES.

1847, 5c brown, cover	85
1855, 5c brown, type I	2 50
" " type II	4 00
" 10c green (2)	1 00
" 24c lilac	5 00
1861, 10c green (10)	1 50
" " unused	1 75
1867, 1, 2 and 10c, grilled	2 30
1869, 2c horseman, unused	1 25
" 3c blue, unused	1 00
" 24c green and purple	7 50
" 2 and 6c	1 05
" 12c green, cover	1 80
" 10c yellow	1 00
1875, 3c blue, ungrilled, used	10 00
1870, 24c purple	2 00
" 90c carmine	1 50
1893, 6c purple (40)	4 00
1894-5, 6c red (60)	3 00
" 15c blue (60)	6 00
Post Office 90c unused	2 50
Justice 6c unused	1 00
War, set 9 varieties unused	2 35
War 10c block 4 unused	1 20
War 12c "	1 20
War 15c "	1 20
War 24c "	3 00
War 30c "	2 00
Navy 24c	4 00
Justice 30c some perfs off	11 00
Treasury, 24c	5 00
" 90c	1 00
Confederate States, 1861, 10c blue, cover	1 00
Proofs of Due stamps (7)	2 00
Unperf Pair U.S. officially sealed brown	6 00

U.S. REVENUES.

Aug. Eichele, 1c black, new	6 00
Rumford Chemical Works 2c green unperforated, also a perforated copy	10 00
Protest 25c unperf	1 25
Lease 50c "	1 50
Conveyance 50c "	1 75
Mortgage 50c "	1 75
Lease $1 "	2 00
Mortgage $1 "	2 25
Warehouse Receipt 25c unpf	2 00
Power of Attorney $1 "	1 25
Playing Cards 2c orange	1 50
Bond, 25c part perf	1 00
2c violet Proprietary	1 50
Commercial Telegraph, 3 var	2 00

CANADA.

1851, 3p laid	1 50
Same, pair, medium	3 00
3p wove unused, thick paper	4 00
" "	4 00
1857, 1d pink	1 00
" unused, slight tear	7 50
3p wove	35
3p ribbed paper	2 00
1858, 3p ribbed, orig cover	2 50
" 3p pink, perforated	8 50
" Another, few perfs off, new.	8 50
" 3p red, perforated	3 50
" 3p red, perf, block 4, off top of sheet	30 00
1859, 1c, 5c, 10c, 12½c	1 08
" 10c violet, pair	1 50
" 2c pink, unused, og	2 50
" 12½c green	50
" strip 3 5c beaver	2 00
" 12½c green, unused	2 50
" 17c blue	1 80
1868, ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 15c	84
12½c blue	30
2c green, watermarked	3 00
1870, 6c laid paper	4 50
1875 15c slate (10)	1 50
1882, ½c black (300)	1 80
" 2c green (2000)	3 00
" 3c red (5000)	1 25
" 6c red brown (100)	1 00
1882, 5c gray (1000)	4 00
1890, 50c blue, medium (10)	3 50
" 8c slate (1000)	7 00
1875, 2c registered (125)	7 25
" 2c " verm (10)	2 50
" 5c green registered 100	4 00
Officially Sealed	2 00
5c red, envelope	1 50
3c red " entire, Wove	4 00
Registered 2c vermilion	15
Same unused	50
Wrapper, 1c blue, entire, unused	50
Post card, current issue, head to Left, used or unused	4 00

NOVA SCOTIA.

1851, 1p. fine margins grand copy	9 00
" 1d, cut a little close	7 00
" 3p blue, orig cover	2 00
1860, 8½c green, used fine	15 00
" 5c blue, orig cov,	45
" 5c blue,	35
" 12½c black, used	2 00
" 5c blue, unused	7 00
" 1c black "	50
" 2c mauve "	1 00
" 3½c green "	2 50
" 10c red "	2 00
" 12½c black "	2 00
6p light green, small tear, cut close one side, clear	8 00

NEWFOUNDLAND.

1863, 4p lake, used	4 00
" 6p lake used	4 00
" 6½p lake, used	12 00
* " 1 sh lake, unused	3 50
* " 4p lake	1 00
* " 4p lake, sheet of 20	30 00
* " 6p lake	1 00
* " 6p lake, sheet of 20	30 00
* " 6p lake, Watermarked	3 50
Entire sheet of same	42 00
Pairs, blocks, of above can be had.	
1866, 2c green	75
" 10c black	1 50
" Same unused	3 00
" 13c orange	2 00
" 24c blue, unused	60
1867, 1c lilac	2 50
3c vermilion	4 00
3c blue, unused	1 00
5c black seal	5 00
1876, 1c violet, rouletted	1 50
2c green "	1 50
5c blue "	60
1890, ½, 3, 6, 12c, unused	60

CANADA REVENUES.

FIRST ISSUE BILL STAMPS.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 20, 30, 50c	1 91
7c and 8c	1 00
7c Error, very rare	80 00
$2 value	3 00

SECOND ISSUE BILL STAMPS.

1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 9c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 50c	2 40
30c scarlet	1 00
$1 red, green centre	1 50
$1 green, red centre	1 25
$2 red, purple centre	10 00
7c red	2 50
8c red, 40c blue	2 00
1c, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, $1, $2 (3rd issue	1 19
Supreme Court, $5	5 00
" $1, 50c	2 75
Gas Inspection, $10	4 00

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

5c, 10, 15, 20, 30, 50, $1, 1.50, $2, red No. in centre	2 05
5c, 10, 15, red No. at top	1 60
Red, no value on it, blue No. across centre, rare	2 50
Nova Scotia Bill Stamp, 7c	3 00
CF green Law. 10c, 20, 30, 40 50, 60, $1	2 45
CF $2	2 50
CF 70c	2 50
LS $2	1 50
FF, 10c. 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, $1	1 16
FF, 70c, rare,	30 00
Quebec Law 1890, $10 yellow	4 00
" " $20 green	10 00
" " $30 purple	12 00
" 1893, $10 blue	8 00
" " $20 yellow	10 00
" " $30 vermilion	15 00
Quebec Registration, 5c, 15, 30 green	75
Quebec Assurance, 3c, 5	1 35
" 10c	1 00
British Columbia Law, 7 var	4 00
New Brunswick Law, 7 var	8 00
Nova Scotia "N.S." $1	4 00

BRITISH COLONIAL.

Hong Kong, 28 on 30c violet	75
Gold Coast, 6p yellow	15
" 1sh violet	25
" 2sh brown	60
Hawaii 1889, 5c blue black, new.	2 00
" 1c blue, red surcharge	20
" 2c violet "	05
" 5c ultramarine "	15
" 10c black "	30
" 12c black "	35
" 2c red, black surcharge	15
" 10c brown " used	50
Victoria (Scott 160) 2sh	2 50
Van Diemen's Land, 1853, 4p	4 50
Queensland registered, new, fine	7 50
Natal 5sh, perf 15x16½	6 00
Greece Unpaid, perf 9½, 11	40
Tonga, 5p on 4p, unused	50
Jamaica, 1p red, revenue	20
Queensland Newspaper used, 1p.	60
" " 3p.	1 00

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4 Austria, '91, 30-50kr.	8
*6 Bavaria, '70-75, 1-18kr.	20
*3 Belgium Brussels Exposition	10
12 Belgium Packet	25
6 " '95	30
7 Bolivia, '94, 1-100c	25
8 Bosnia, ½-25n	12
20 Brazil	25
9 Bulgaria, '82-'88, 1-50s	15
10 " '89, 1s-1l	30
12 Canada, '59-'93, including reg	15
9 Cape of Good Hope	15
10 Ceylon	30
*6 Congo, '94-'96, 5c-1franc	60
*3 Constantinople	3
*5 Cuba, '96, ½-4m	6
*6 Cuba, '96, 1-20c	60
25 Denmark	25
14 Dutch Indies, '70-'89	30
8 Egypt	8
8 Gold Coast, ½p-1sh	50
*4 Greece Olympian games	10
15 Greece, '62-'83	25
*5 Guanacaste, '89, 1-20c	25

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10 Canada Revs	10	3 Nowanuggur	08
6 U.S. Revs	05	4 Jamaica	05
10 Japan	10	8 Cuba unused	10
4 War Dept	8	20 Canada	28
3 New Brunswick	18	8 " provinces	30
2 Prince Ed Island	20	5 old stamp papers	10
8 Canada Bill	05	10 " "	20
5 " green law	10	20 " "	50
2 Gas	06	30 " "	95
2 New Brunswick	05	7 Ecuador	12
14 Holland	10	4 Cuba	05
15 Brazil	30	12 U.S. revenues	20
5 Newfoundland	10	Hinges, 1000	10
8 Australian	10	" " 3000	25
3 Canada Telegraph	50	5 Canada postcards	05
14 Roman States	15	5 U.S "	05
3 Corea	10	5 Foreign "	15
14 Servia	35	10 " "	25
10 Great Britain	10	Canada Rev. Cat	10
4 Hawaiian	10	100 different stamps	20
8 Samoa	15	50 " "	10
6 South Africa	10	3 Chili Telegraph	06

ORIGINAL COVERS.

Canada, 1852, 3d	$ 0 20
" 1868 1-2c black, pair	50
" " 1c brown red	15
" " 2c green	08
" " 6c brown	07
" 1869 1c yellow	25
" " " strip of three	1 50
" 1872 5c olive	45
Nova Scotia, 5c blue	20
" 3d blue	1 00
New Brunswick, 3d red	2 75
" 5c green	10
" 5c green, rich, dark shade, very rare	1 00
United States, 1861, 10c green	08
" " " pair	25
" 1847, 5c brown	45
" 1855, 10c green	35
" 1869, 12c green	60
Canada, 1859, 1c pink, off cover, per 100	4 75

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